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1. We consider the preparatory process to be of equal importance to the Conference. We suggest that this process should be characterized by an intensive campaign for promoting and raising the awareness of public opinion on the issues of human rights, particularly on the national and regional level. In this context, we propose to the Preparatory Committee to sponsor or convene a consultative meeting of all NGOs for an exchange of their views on how to develop the existing mechanism of the Centre for Human Rights in terms of the procedures, structures and increasing the role of the Commission on Human Rights in protecting the people's rights. The outcome of the consultation should be an official contribution of NGOs to the debates on the Conference.

2. With regard to the Conference, we propose the following to be considered in the discussion.

3. The changes which have reshaped the international political and economic environment over the past years strengthened the catalytic role of the United Nations as an instrument of protecting and promoting human rights. It is high time for the United Nations to invent certain economic measures against those States which do not respect their people's rights and violate the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration on Human Rights.

4. We do believe that there is a strong interrelationship between democracy, development and human rights. In today's international arena there is a hope for a new world order based on justice, equity and international solidarity. The Conference on Human Rights has a significant role to play in this new world.

5. The structure of the Commission on Human Rights should be reviewed within the whole United Nations to give it more power in the decision-making bodies. This will bring the question of human rights to the top priority in the United Nations.

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V. RECOMMENDATION SUBMITTED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTARY FUND FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE.....

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In accordance with paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 45/155, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, Mr Jaap Walkate, informed the Preparatory Committee of the World Conference on Human Rights that the Board of Trustees, at its Tenth session, held in April 1991, had recommended that the Preparatory Committee consider its suggestion that the World Conference on Human Rights set aside some time to meet as a pledging conference for United Nations voluntary funds, such as the Fund for Victims of Torture.

It had appeared to the Board that the forum of the World Conference would be an excellent means for Member States to translate their policies and intentions in the field of human rights into concrete financial terms by pledging a contribution to the Fund(s)